

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD



DRAFT REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN AVALON SCHOOL AVALON, CALIFORNIA

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: April 4 – May 3, 2005

PUBLIC HEARING: April 20, 2005, 6:30PM
Avalon School Auditorium

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the draft Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for the Long Beach Unified School District's (LBUSD) Avalon School. This plan addresses the removal and offsite disposal of approximately 1660 cubic yards (2490 tons) of soil during the summer of 2005 and 1380 cubic yards (2070 tons) of soil during the summer of 2006. The Avalon School is located on Santa Catalina Island at 200 Falls Canyon Road in Avalon, California.

A modernization project was initiated at the school in June 2001 that included the excavation and completion of below ground trenches for the installation of utility lines. During the trenching activities, contaminated soil and possible ash from a former on site incinerator were observed. Upon further investigation, lead, dioxins/furans, and arsenic were detected in soils in the southeastern portion of the campus at concentrations that exceed DTSC health standards. Therefore, LBUSD proposes to remove the contaminated soils and transport them off the Island to a permitted offsite disposal facility during the summers of 2005 and 2006.

DTSC has prepared a draft Initial Study for the project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Initial Study document states that the project will not have a significant effect on human health or the environment.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

This notice is to provide the interested community the opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to DTSC about the proposed soil removal action during a thirty (30) day public comment period that starts on April 4, 2005, and ends on May 3, 2005. Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the draft RAP may be submitted in writing to Ms. Shawna Chambers, DTSC Project Manager, at the DTSC address listed below. Comments must be postmarked by **May 3, 2005**. You may also submit your comments at the Public Hearing which will be held at 6:30 p.m. on April 20, 2005, at the Avalon School Auditorium.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft RAP and other project documents are available at the Avalon Public Library, 215 Summer Avenue, Avalon, CA 90704. Additionally, all site documents and the full Administrative Record pertaining to this project are available for review during office hours at the DTSC Regional Records Office, 1011 N. Grandview Avenue, Glendale, CA 91201. Contact: Jone Barrio at (818) 551-2886.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions regarding the draft RAP, please contact Ms. Maya Akula, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (818) 551-2917.

Si desea información en español, comuníquese con el Sr. Jesús Cruz al (818) 551-2875.